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Dear Vince:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my query and even more for the efficient dispatch with which you seem to have made all the necessary arrangements. I knew I was right in rating highly your capacity for coping with the off-beat or unusual.

STAT As you should know by now, we have followed your suggestion and put the matter of [] visit in official correspondence. Please understand that if there is any strain at all from the MACV end about speeding up normal processing lead time, the 8 December date will be fine. We think we can hasten things up a bit from here, however, and from our perspective a 1 December ACDUTRA starting date would be better.

As indicated in my cable, you have my power of attorney and [] STAT with respect to picking or acquiescing in his precise assignment. You know the local scene far better than we and, hence, are in a far better position to judge what duty detail will be of most benefit to all concerned including particularly you all in Saigon.

I am glad the tennis progresses apace but watch out for booby trap balls from your friendly local sapper battalion. My best to all and thanks again for your assist.

As always,

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